

Governor's Task Force on Autism
May 7, 2004
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Linda Carmody, Kathy Draves, Rose Helms, Kevin Klatt, Diane Konkel, Deb Mandarino, Paula Petit, Cynthia Thomas, Heather Marenda

Facilitator: Karen Timberlake

Staff: Donna Wong, Tim Casper, Dennis Rhodes, Jim Johnston, Beth Wroblewski

Key Issues: Ground rules, Charge, future meeting dates, preparation for next meeting.

Ground Rules: Ground rules for meetings were discussed. The task force members were concerned that their comments could be quoted out of context, and discussions of the task force could be represented, prematurely, as decisions of the task force.

Action: The task force members agreed to limit their comments about discussions at the meetings to the meetings. The group also agreed that they would not post on listserves. Ms. Timberlake asked the audience to respect the task force's concerns on these two issues.

Charge: The Charge was discussed and clarified.

Action: Ms. Timberlake noted that if time permits, the task force may discuss related issues; however, the Charge is the priority of the task force. Donna and Karen will prepare the final report of the task force which will be reviewed and revised at the August 25 meeting.

Future Meeting dates: Some members of the task force could not meet on June 3 and August 6.

Action: New meeting dates will be chosen or the agenda items will be rearranged to accommodate task force members.

Preparation for Next Meeting: The members discussed the desire for background information.

Action: After discussion the following tasks were assigned:

1. Kevin: Identify articles on diagnosis and symptoms.
2. Cynthia: Identify articles on diagnosis and symptoms.

3. Beth: Compile a list of providers in the state. Identify providers that currently deliver in-home intensive services. Provide year-to-date information on case management reimbursement. Provide information on existing benefit.
4. Dennis: Provide budget information on children served under the children's waiver (for August 13 meeting).

Materials will be forwarded to Donna. Donna will e-mail materials for the next meeting one week in advance.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Governor's Task Force on Autism will be held Monday, June 7 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. in room 201 SE.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

1. Presentation on existing services. General discussion of background and written materials.
2. Identify activities included in "service-time" for recipients of in-home intensive treatment.
3. Identify options for building a qualified workforce of in-home intensive service line-staff.
4. Identify options for ensuring adequate state coverage by in-home intensive treatment providers.